Representation of the bus owners on the Quilon—Kottarakara line.

25 **MR. P. S. MUHAMED**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the bus owners who were running service between Quilon and Kottarakara submitted their representation before the Government regarding their plight;

(*b*) if the answer to the above question be affirmative, a summary of their representation;

(*c*) the date when the State Transport did assume the bus service between Quilon and Kottarakara;

(*d*) how many buses were running in the line between Quilon and Kottarakara when the Transport Department assumed the service of the line:

(*e*) the number of drivers, cleaners and other employees who were working in the private buses in the above line;

(*f*) the number among the above employees who were recruited in the State Transport Service;

(*g*) whether the buses displaced in the line of Quilon—Kottarakara are running in any service at present;

(*h*) whether the owners of the displaced buses applied to the office of the Inspector-General for permission for running the buses in other lines in which service is being continued at present;

(*i*) if so, the date of the application submitted by the parties;

(*j*) whether any decision was arrived at on the application;

(*k*) whether a conference of the bus owners was held in the Headquarters office, Police, to consider the question of displaced buses;

(*l*) if so, will they be pleased to state the date of the conference held;

(*m*) the points raised in the conference and the decisions arrived at on each of the point raised; and

(*n*) whether the owners of the displaced buses are incurring heavy loss every day for keeping the displaced buses in order?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) No. But representations have been received from bus owners who were running service between Quilon and Shencottah.

(*b*) They represented that considerable investments had been made by them and that they were running the service for many years and prayed that the extension of the State Transport Service to the Quilon-Shencottah route may be postponed till the more important routes are taken up by the Department, that the extension of service to the route may be postponed for 3 months or that timings may be granted to the buses to run service on other routes and that an year's time may be given to the limited companies for winding up.

(*c*) The State Transport has not assumed service between Quilon and Kottarakara. But, the Quilon-Shencotta service was commenced on 1-4-1941.

(*d*)

1	Bus—between	Quilon	and	Kottarakara
7	Buses	do.	do.	Punaloor
2	do.	do.	do.	Ranni
3	do.	do.	do.	Kulathupuzha
9	do.	do.	do.	Shencotta.

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(*e*) Government have no information.
(*f*) 28.
(*g*) No.
(*h*) Yes.
(*i*) 27-8-1116.
(*j*) The application is under consideration.
(*k*) Yes.
(*l*) 21-10-1116.
(*m*) Points raised.

(i) to grant route and timings to the buses displaced from the Quilon-Kottarakara route on the various existing routes now operated by private agencies (a) as substitutes to the buses which stopped service permanently and (b) by introduction of alternate day service on certain routes which are fit for the buses;
(ii) to address Government to purchase all the displaced buses to redress the grievances of the owners; and
(iii) to provide routes and timings to all buses displaced by the State Transport service.

Decisions—No decisions were arrived at.
(*n*) Government have no information.

P. W. D. Budget for Quilon and Kottarakara.

26 **MR. P. S. MUHAMED**: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the following:—

(*a*) the amount included in the budget of 1116 in the P. W. D. for communication etc., in the taluks of Quilon and Kottarakara (separately);

(*b*) the amount spent for the above purpose in the above two taluks (separately); and

(*c*) the works that were done in the above taluks in 1116?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) (*b*) and (*c*) A * statement containing the information required is laid on the table.

Relief works at Alleppey and Shertala.

27 **MR. P. S. MUHAMED**: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the following facts regarding the Relief Works started by the Government at Alleppey and Shertalai:—

(*a*) whether they appointed a Committee for the Relief works;
(*b*) the interests that were represented in the Committee;
(*c*) the rates of wages fixed by the Committee to the labourers at Alleppey and Shertalai;
(*d*) whether the rates were modified subsequently;
(*e*) at whose instance the rates of wages were modified;
(*f*) the amount of the modified rates; and
(*g*) the reasons that prompted the Government to make the above modification?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes.

*Vide appendix XVI—page.

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